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Vice Adm. Rufus Taylor, Retired CIA Deputy, Dies

Retired Navy Vice Adm. Rufus L. Taylor, 68, who was deputy director of the Central Intelligence Agency from 1967 to 1969, died Sept. 14 at his home in Whispering Pines, N.C. He had suffered from cancer.

He was named to the agency's No. 2 post when Richard M. Helms became CIA director. It is a tradition that one of the agency's top two posts be filled by a civilian, the other by a military officer.

Adm. Taylor spent the last 10 years of his Navy career in intelligence before retiring in February 1969.

In 1959, he was named assistant director for foreign intelligence and later deputy director of naval intelligence.

He was named assistant chief of naval operations and director of naval intelligence in 1963, then served as deputy director of the Defense Intelligence Agency from 1966 until he joined the CIA.

Adm. Taylor was a native of St. Louis and a 1933 graduate of the Naval Academy at Annapolis.

After duty aboard the battleship *Arizona*, he was assigned from 1938 to 1941 as a Japanese language student at the American Embassy in Tokyo.

He served as a communications officer in the Pacific during World War II, with the U.S. occupation forces in



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Japan after the war, and as assistant chief of staff for intelligence with the Pacific Fleet before coming to Washington in 1959.

Survivors include his wife, Karin G., of the home; a son, Navy Lt. Cmdr. Rufus L. III, of Newport, R.I., and two daughters, Mrs. Kenneth Klyce, and Lisa Noel Taylor.

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Rufus L. Taylor Dies; Was Deputy CIA Head

Retired Vice Adm. Rufus L. Taylor, 68, a former deputy director of the Central Intelligence Agency, died Thursday of cancer at his home in Whispering Pines, N.C.

Taylor was the No. 2 official at the CIA from 1966 until he retired in 1969.

Most of Taylor's long military career was spent in the intelligence area. Before becoming deputy director of the CIA he was director of naval intelligence and deputy director of the Defense Intelligence Agency.

A native of St. Louis, Taylor was graduated from the U.S. Naval Academy in 1933. His early duty assignments were with a Naval Reserve unit and at sea on the battleship Arizona and the destroyer Preston.

He studied Japanese at the American embassy in Tokyo between 1938 and September 1941, when he was transferred to naval headquarters in the Philippines. After the fall of Bataan and Corregidor he escaped to Australia by PT boat and submarine. During the remainder of the war he served in Australia, Washington and Pearl Harbor, concentrating on communications work.

Taylor was with the first American



VICE ADM. RUFUS L. TAYLOR
Retired in 1969

forces to arrive in Japan after its surrender and he served there throughout 1945. After a year of duty with the office of chief of naval operations he attended the Armed Forces Staff College and in 1947-48 was commander of the destroyer Noa.

From 1948 to 1953 Taylor served with the Office of Naval Intelligence and after that was assigned to the office of the secretary of defense and was assistant chief of staff for intelligence with the Pacific Fleet.

Taylor was named assistant director for foreign intelligence in 1959 and later deputy director of naval intelligence. In 1963 he became assistant chief of naval operations for intelligence and later director of naval intelligence.

He was deputy director of the Defense Intelligence Agency for only three months before President Johnson nominated him to be deputy director of the CIA.

He leaves his wife, the former Karin Gerds; a son, Rufus L. III; and two daughters, Mrs. Kenneth M. Klyce and Lisa N.